

Hello,

I like the guiding questions for each segment, and think those are an effective way to focus understanding for students and instruction for teachers.

However, I was disappointed to see that the breadth and scope of the standards has not been significantly modified. I would like to see the content standards stop with the segment on colonization, and not move forward through the Revolution and so on. It is simply far too much content for one year, especially if you cover it in any significant and meaningful way. Reducing the content allows for students to engage with, synthesize and analyze the topics covered.

I understand (and it is noted on one of the sample “lessons”) that some of the work in social studies will cover language arts standards, which will effectively allow teachers and students to be working in a multi-disciplinary way. However, there still is far too much content to allow for effective engagement and understanding.

Thank you,

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